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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTIETH SESSION

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 18 August 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the decisions by the Heads of State and Government gathered at the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, I have the honour, on behalf of the President of the Summit, Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark, to request under rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of a supplementary item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development" in the agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

Given the importance of the issue I further request that the item be considered directly by the plenary.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

The World Summit for Social Development was held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995 under the Presidency of Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark.

At its conclusion the World Summit for Social Development, which was attended by the largest number of heads of State and Government ever assembled, adopted the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action.

In chapter V, on the issue of implementation and follow-up, the Copenhagen Programme of Action (para. 95) states, inter alia:

> "With regard to the consideration of social development at the intergovernmental level, special consideration should be given to the roles of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. To this end:
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> "(a) The General Assembly, as the highest intergovernmental mechanism, is the principal policy-making and appraisal organ on matters relating to the follow-up to the Summit. The Assembly should include the follow-up to the Summit in its agenda as an item entitled 'Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development' ...;".